

DIVISION 1: K-3 POSTER PROMPT

THEME: ENCOURAGING OUR YOUTH TO BE AGENTS OF CHANGE

SCENARIO

Have you ever imagined what the perfect neighborhood would look like? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did. He called it the “**Beloved Community**”—a place where every single person feels safe, happy, and knows they belong. It’s a community where people are kind to each other, lend a helping hand, and work together to solve problems peacefully.

One of the best ways to build this kind of community is by making the places we share—like our parks and community centers—more beautiful and fun for everyone. Think about the parks where you love to play, like Noble Park or **Robert Coleman Park**, or community centers like the **W.C. Young Community Center**. For years, heroes in Paducah have been working to make our community a better place for kids. Imagine a hero like **Oscar Cross**, who started the Boys and Girls Club in Paducah to give kids a safe and positive place to go, or the members of the **Paducah/McCracken County NAACP**, led today by President **J.W. Cleary**, who work to make sure our community is fair for every family.

Right now, people all over Paducah are inspired by this idea! A new garden, the Southside Community Gardens, has been planted to grow fresh food for local families. Other groups give awards to people who plant beautiful flowers to brighten up our town.

This has everyone talking: what’s the best way to make our community spaces even better?

- Some people think planting more flowers, trees, and gardens is the secret. They believe nature helps everyone feel calm and happy.
- Others think the magic is in art! They imagine colorful murals on walls and cool sculptures that show off our community’s creative spirit.
- A third group believes it’s all about fun for kids! They dream of new playgrounds, awesome spray parks, or even outdoor stages for concerts and shows.

All of these are wonderful ideas for building a Beloved Community. Now, it’s your turn to be an agent of change and share your dream!

YOUR TASK

Create a poster that shows your big idea for making a park or public space in Paducah/McCracken County more beautiful and welcoming for everyone. Your poster should be so full of color and imagination that it inspires your friends, family, teachers, and city leaders to say, “Let’s do that!” Your poster should be a picture that answers two important questions:

- What is your amazing idea for improving a local park or public space?
- How would your idea help make our town a true “Beloved Community,” where every kid and every family feels welcome and joyful?